VA Hospitals Plan To Hasten Discharge of Long-Term Cases

A seven-point attack on the problem of rehabiliating and discharging long-term patients so they may return more quickly to community life as useful citizens is gaining momentum in Veterans Administration hospitals.

The seven programs are outlined in the various medical sections of VA's annual report for 1954.

The problem arising from the fact that the number or veteran patients with chronic disabilities has been increasing in recent years, resulting in more "frozen" beds for long periods of time. These patients primarly are older World War I veterans.

VA said it is attempting to meet the problem by augmenting medical treatment with the following programs:

(1) Medical rehabilitation of the "whole man" so he will be ready physically and mentally, to leave the hospital.

(2) Vocational counseling to determine what job he may fill successfully when finally out of the hospital.

(3) Trial visits outside of the hospital to determine whether he is ready again for community life.

(4) Foster care in ahome other than his own where he can adjust himself to community living as a stepping stone to independence.

(5) Work experience in the hospital as part of his medical treatment so he may develop work skills or acquire work experience in preparation for outside employment.

(6) Arrangements for home nursing for the eligible veteran so he may leave the hospital earlier.

(7) "Day" or "night" hospital for the patient who still needs hospitalization but who may leave the hospital during the day to look for work or who may leave the hospital at night to stay at home.

The medical rehabilitation program is directed not only to the prescribed treatment of a patient's disability, but aims to restore him to productive living in the community. By using all components of physical medicine and rehabilitation the patient is helped to overcome his disabilities and make use of of his capabilities.

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May 7th

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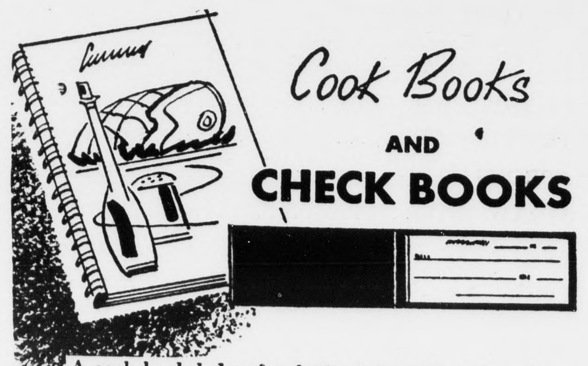

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$20 BILLIONS PLUS SIZE OF UPKEEP AND REPAIR BILL

The cost of maintenance and repair, in a society as highly mechanized as ours, has become a big item of expenditure for the householder as well as the businessman and industrialist.

There are no over-all figures on the size of the current American repair and maintenance bill to offset the wear and tear of use and time and to keep our push-button economy operating at topmost efficiency. However, an indication is provided by the fact that some of the known items add up to more than $20 billions a year, which includes only a relatively small amount for Government and the defense establishment upkeep.

Our Mechanized Society

The total is undoubtedly very much higher, and is certain to grow. Our stock of housing and productive equipment is continuing to increase at a rapid rate. Furthermore it is the exceptional household in this country that does not now have a motor or mechanical or electronic contrivance of some kind — whether it be an automobile, refrigerator, television or radio set, heating system, or one of the many home labor-saving devices that are such a characteristic part of life in the United States today.

Here is a factor of major economic consequence, involving an annual market for billions of dollars of all kinds of materials and supplies and millions of jobs.

The biggest outlay for maintenance and repair is in the category of construction. U. S. Department of Commerce figures place the total of such expenditures at more than $14 billions a year. This covers construction of all types—nonresidential buildings as well as homes public utilties, highways, farm buildings, military facilities, sewerage disposal and water supply systems, and conservation and development. The outlays here are on the structures alone and do not include machinery. Residential buildings alone excluding farms, involve over $5 billions, or more than a third of such expenditures.

Buildings and Equipment

The total maintenance and repair bill for construction comes to the equivalent of around 40 cents of every dollar of current record outlays for all construction, evidence of its economic importance and the demand it generates in the whole building field.

Just what it costs to keep up our vast stock of capital equipment, on which around $150 billions has been spent in the 1946-54 period alone for additions and replacements is not known. However, an indication is provided by the Council for Technological Advanecment, which places the labor cost alone in the neighborhood of $3 billions for this purpose. There is the bill for parts and other supplies in addition.

There are a number of figures which give an insight into the impact of maintenance and repair on the average family budget, exclusive of the home itself. Department of Commerce figures show, for example, that personal outlay for automobile repair, greasing, etc. come to well over $2 billions a year. Another half billion dollars are assigned to keeping radio and television sets in repair. An additional $202 millions annually is the current estimate for electrical appliance repair. And there are many other mechanical breakdowns and repair bills in the average home, as every householder knows, not counting the great extent of "do-it-yourself" which does not show up in the figures.

NEWS FOR VETERANS

Three tips were offered by the Veterans Administration to veterans who have special Korean GI insurance.

More than 250,000 post Korea veterans have taken out the special term insurance available to them upon separation from active military service, VA said.

To these new policies, the following three points of advice were offered:

First, get into the habit of paying all premiums when they are due. Although the law allows a "grace period" of 31 days during which the policy remains in effect even if a premium due is not paid, veterans should consider this provision an emergency measure and reserve it for an emergency.

Second, do not send cash through the mails in paying premiums, but use a check or money order made payable to the Veterans Administration.

Your canceled check or money order stub will serve as a receipt.

Third, be sure to name your beneficiaries and have this information recorded by VA. This may be done at the nearest VA office.

After their separation from active military service, Korean veterns have only 120 days in which to apply for the special term insurance, VA added for the benefit of men and women just released from service.

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Wheat Quota Must be Met By June 1

As reporters from the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office approach the finish of measuring the 1955 wheat crop, ASC Chairman C. S. Rush reported there is a substantial number of farms in the county with wheat seeded in excess of the farm allotment.

These farmers are reminded that they must bring the farm wheat acreage within the allotment to be eligible for ACP payments and price support, and this must be accomplished by June 1, 1955. Furthermore, if the farm wheat acreage is in excess of 15 acres and the farm allotment, the producer may not receive a marketing card to sell his wheat until he has paid a penalty on all wheat in excess of the farm marketing quota.

A producer, irrespective of the size of the wheat allotment, may produce up to 15 acres of wheat and not be subject to a marketing quota penalty. In this case he would not get price support or ACP payments if he exceeded his allotment. Farmers who wish to dispose of excess wheat acreage may turn it under as a green manure crop or cut it for hay or silage, provided the acreage is so utilized by June 1. The ASC county office is asking these wheat farmers who dispose of excess wheat acreage to report it to the ASC county office. This is required so that arrangements may be made to send a reporter on a second visit to the farm to check the disposition of the excess.

Local Sailor on Flagship

Boston, Mass.- (FHTNC) George A. Saunders, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Saunders, of Route 2, Appomattox, Va., is serving aboard the Navy's heavy cruiser USS Salem.

The Salem, now moored at the Boston Naval Shipyard, Charlestown, is scheduled to leave Boston May 2 for the Mediterranean where she will serve as flagship of the 6th Fleet.

Home Agent's Notes

By Mrs. B. G. Anderson
Appomattox Home Agent

We have recently completed demonstrations on "Buying and Caring for Family Hose in each of the 17 home demonstration clubs.

Each member was given a questionnaire asking them to estimate the number of hose they used last year and the number used by their family. 161 families report they spent $3,506.18 on hose last year, which means every family spends about 20 to 25 dollars per year on hose.

In the demonstration members were told they should look for color harmony first. Colors come in every shade from neutral to black and the color is written on the box along with the size and length. For people wearing light clothes, ligher shades of hose look nicer and for darker clothes the darker shades are better. Size is one of the most important things in buying hose and then the length also is very important. All hose come in 3 lengths, short, medium and tall; and the short runs 28-29 inches, the medium is 30-31 inches and the tall is 31-32 inches.

Sheerness means the gauge and deneir of the hose and the guage is the number of stitches per 1½ square inches of the deneir means the fineness of the fiber. (The lower the deneir the [...]

Brand names [...] kind of hose you [...] which brand suits [...] you'll be able to [...]

Under special [...] seamless hose, [...] these hose have [...] locked in such a way [...] run as easily as [...]

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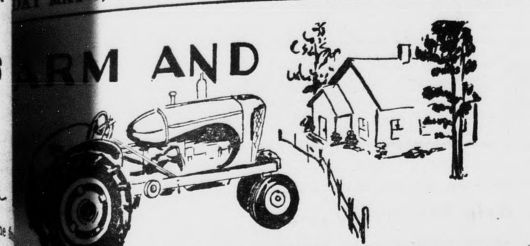

[...] for Replacement Layers

[...]re that you give your [...]etween the time they leave [...]der and the time they are [...] the laying house will de[pend] [...]to a large extent the num[ber] [...]ggs that you will get from [...]s this fall and winter. You [...]erefore do everything you [...]ee that your replacement [...]elop properly and arrive in [...]g house in good physical [...]. If you have a good clean [...]ch as a pasture or orchard [...] not had poultry on it for [...] year, you should plan to [...] of it. Move your birds to [...]e when they are from 8 to [...] old and keep them there [...]y start to lay. Birds that [...]d to the range must have [...]t of protection from the [...] prowling animals, and [...]You can provide this pro[tection] [...]y moving the brooder [...] the range, if it is on skids [...] be moved, or you can use [...]nsive range shelter which is nothing more than a waterproof roof on a framework covered with wire, with a door that can be closed at night.

Before moving the birds into a used range shelter, you should see that it is thoroughly cleaned. In order to make sure that the roosts are free of mites, you will need to paint them with carbolineum or red mite paint. You should also check the range to see that your birds will be able to find shade. If there are no trees, other shade should be provided. Watering and feeding vessels should be kept in the shade if at all possible, and they should be moved to a new location every week or so in order to keep the grass from being killed out around them.

By rearing pullets on the range there is plenty of lush tender grass and a few insects, you can cut down on your feed costs from 10% to 15%. You also can produce birds that seemingly have more vigor and vitality, and birds that stand up a little better during the heavy laying season.

Excellent pullets, however, can also be produced in confinement **if they receive proper care and management,** and one should not feel discouraged because he does not have a clean range on which to rear his pullets. When rearing birds in confinement, watch to see that they have enough room and plenty of ventilation. Pullets will not do well if kept in crowded houses where the atmosphere is stuffy.

Regardless of whether or not the pullets are raised in confinement or on the range, give your birds regular treatment and careful handling. Try to feed and water your birds approximately the same time every day and try to prevent them from being frightened or otherwise mistreated.

Tobacco Transplanting Tips

A good stand of tobacco is possible with a few precautions, advises Jim Smith, County Agent.

Be sure the fertilizer does not come in direct contact with the roots of the plants.

Grade your palnts as they are drawn from the bed and use only those plants which are stocky, uniform in size and free of disease and insect injury.

Do not let the roots of the plants dry out between the time they are drawn and the time they are planted.

If the plant bed is dry at transplanting time, be sure to wet it thoroughly with clean water before drawing plants. This will help to prevent breaking off fine feeder roots which the plants must have to withstanc the shock of transplanting, and to get firmly established. If you use transplanting water, add chlordane, heptachlor, aldrin, or lindane to reduce injury from soil inhabiting insects, especially wireworms.

Staunton To Be Scene Of Wilson Centennial in 1956

Staunton, Va.- Members of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce are being asked "to give active support to the world-wide centennial observance in 1956 of the birth of Woodrow Wilson," the Woodrow Wilson Centennial Commission of Virginia has been informed by the State Chamber.

The Centennial Commission created by the General Assembly of Virginia has been engaged for several months in planning a full year's observance of the Woodrow Wilson Centennial in 1956, with the Woodrow Wilson Birthplace in Staunton as the focal point.

MAY DAY AT LONGWOOD

Farmville, Va.- "Alice in Wonderland" has been chosen as the theme for the May Day festival at Longwood College, to be held at 3 P. M. Saturday, May 7 in the Longwood Dell.

Miss Beth Kent, of Richmond, is Queen of May at the college.

Appomattox FFA Places High In Federation Dairy Judging

The Appomattox F. F. A. Dairy Judging team placed second in the Hub Federation Dairy Judging Contest held near Rustburg Thursday, April 28. The Appomattox team, composed of Ralph Harris, James Tweedy, and Ralph Reynolds scored a total of 1957 points while the first place team, Moneta scored 2029.

Ralph Reynolds, a junior and the treasurer of the Robert E. Lee F. F. A. Chapter paced the local team to their high position by being the second high scorer in the contest. Ralph counted up 735 points out of a possible 900. James Tweedy was next on the local team with 632, and Ralph Harris finished with 590.

Other high individuals in the contest were Billy Tuck, of Moneta, first with 751; and Kinckle Martin, of Pamplin, third with 723. The Pamplin team placed sixth in the contest. In this contest three classes of animals—aged cows, young cows, and heifers—were judged in each of the three major dairy breeds: Holstein, Guernsey, and Jersey. The contest took place on three dairy farms near Rustburg.

This dairy judging contest is an annual affair of the Hub F. F. A. Federation, and is the climax to extensive studying and practice by the vocational agriculture students in the various schools. The primary objective is educational—to teach the students the qualities which make up good dairy animals, to show them good dairy animals, and teach them to recognize those qualities in the animals.

Other team placings in this contest were: New London, third; Concord, fourth; Huddleston, fifth; Pamplin, sixth; Amherst, seventh; Rustburg, eighth; William Campbell, ninth; and Brookville, tenth.

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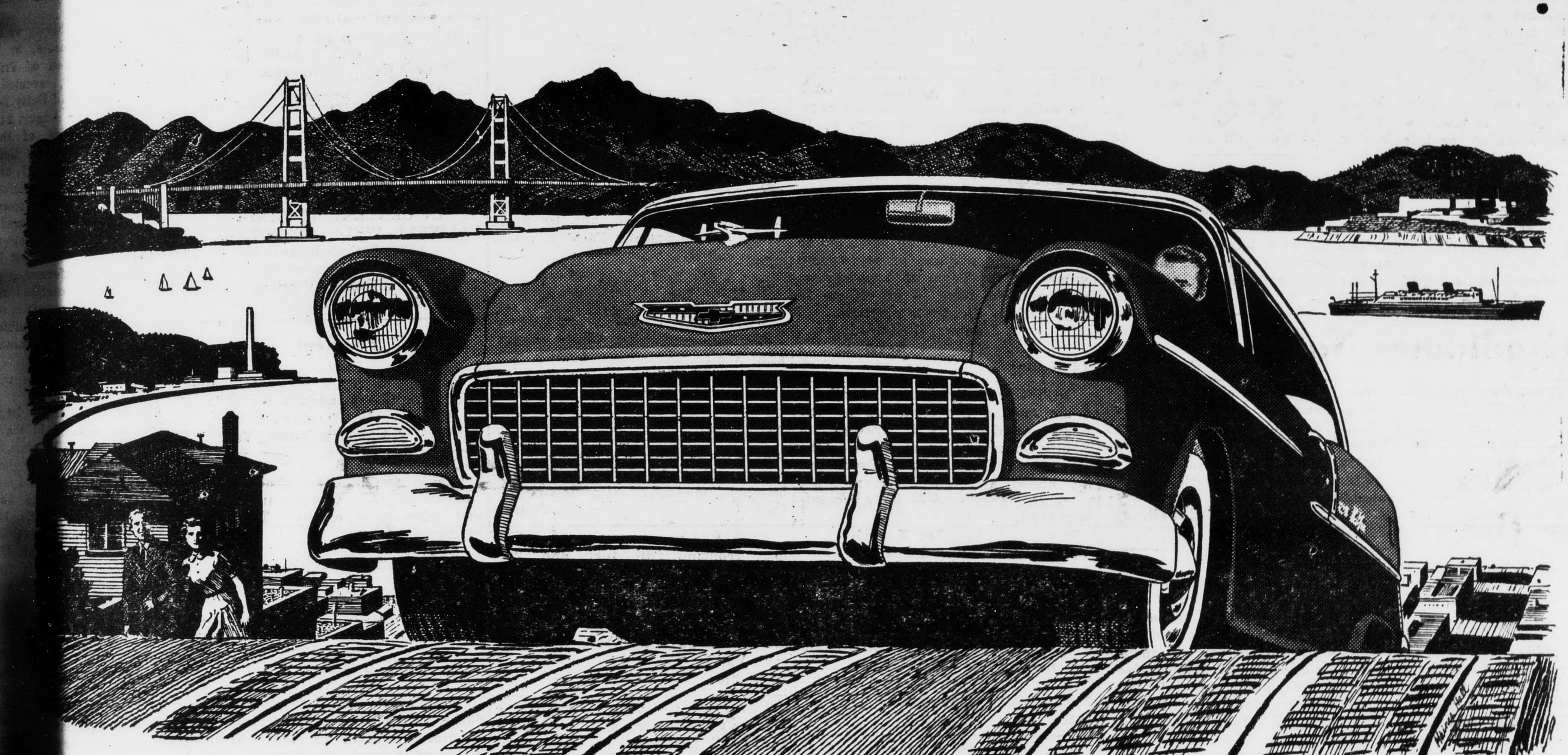

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